

Bigfork Steering Committee Minutes
December 7, 2006
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(Draft)

In Attendance: Steve Zabaro, Pail Mustacio, Darrel Coverdell, Chuck Gough, Craig Wagner, Pat Wagner, Elna Darrow, Edd Blackler, John Bourquin, George Darrow, Sue Hanson, Julie Spencer, Clarice Ryan, Gary Ridderhoff, Doug Averill, Shelley Gonzales, Don Loranger

The Meeting was called to order by Chairman Elna Darrow at 12:06

Agenda: Accepted with additions.

Minutes: The minutes were approved as amended. (m/sc Loranger/Gough)

Treasurer's Report: Our balance as of Dec 7, 2006 was \$1517.51 the report was approved. (m/sc Wagner/Bourquin)

Committee Reports:

Resort Tax: Elna asked for a volunteer to head the committee. No one came forward.

Lake County Subcommittee: Edd Blackler reported they are still reaching out to larger areas and speaking to others about participation in a joint or different zoning district. An attorney familiar with county associations stated that with all the different county codes this could be a rather large struggle.

New Business: Julie Spencer spoke about the recent letter that went out to homeowners in the sewer district. The letter was just the notice about reassessment and re-levy that has been in place since 1995 and correcting the fact that no notices had ever been sent. Carol Venable had called Julie and sent a letter to the secretary following up her question about this matter from last week. (See notebook) Julie also explained that conditional letters are being sent to contractors and developers that Bigfork Water and Sewer is close to capacity and when units are done they may not be able to hook up. She also explained some corrective measures have been instituted to be sure there is no repeat of last summer's problems.

Old Business: Kim Crowley, Director of Flathead County Libraries, sent a letter answering a question asked last week. Whitefish Branch Library is 9,678 sq ft on 1.5 acres and includes a parking lot and an outdoor grassy area for programs. She was asked to see an architect and bring back to the County Parks Board a conceptual drawing of Potoczny Park. This will not be final in any manner, just to give the board and Bigfork Steering Committee an idea of how Potoczny Park would look like with a library, parking lot and a grass area for programs and picnics. (See letter in notebook) Since Kim was not able to attend our meeting, Paul Mustacio of the BDC was there to give a report. The County Parks Board has taken the request for the library under advisement. It seems there have been many emails and phone calls protesting losing the name Potoczny. The Board felt it needed more time to read them. A letter has been sent to the Potoczny family saying there is no disrespect and the name would still be present. There was then, a lot of discussion with both pros and cons. Ownership of the land is now Flathead County, a library consultant was in Bigfork and Potoczny Park was his choice. Elna reported that at

the County Parks meeting it was asked that the architect pay close attention to the usage of the 2.3 acres and not place the library in the middle, as there are other community entities looking for space. Bigfork Steering Committee wants cooperation, between all groups looking for community space.
Meeting was adjourned at 1:15

Pat Wagner, Secretary